

**Allied Landfill – Media Availability Preparation Session
February 19, 2015**

Logistics:

- February 26, 2015: Media Session 4-5 pm, Public Meeting 6-8 pm at St. Joe’s Catholic Church, Kalamazoo
- February 27, 2015: Otsego dam visit in the am

Media session is one piece in a cooperative outreach with city of Kalamazoo and MDEQ.

- Goal of media session is to reach stakeholders that will not make it to public events.
- City has met with multiple stakeholder groups and received positive responses.
- City-led public meeting following media session.
- EPA planning two public availability sessions and possibly other outreach.

Groundwater

- Will share the report with the city before the meeting and finalize it sometime after the meeting.
- Error in selecting detection limits above GSI criteria
- Results reinforce CSM that landfill is not a source of PCBs to groundwater and that groundwater from Allied Landfill does not go to the city well-field.

Talking Points for Media Session:

EPA Perspective on this collaboration

- EPA seeks opportunities to work with local communities, so we were eager to accept invitation from MDEQ and city of Kalamazoo.
- Opportunity to find another alternative that might be better than what in the FS.
- EPA values redevelopment and reuse of Superfund Sites
- Redevelopment configuration with city stewardship could result in greater long-term effectiveness and permanence than those consolidation and capping alternatives in the FS.

Procedural

Amending the Feasibility Study:

- Uncommon but not unprecedented
- EPA plans to amend the FS with a memo after more public input (availability sessions).
- EPA will add a redevelopment alternative; EPA will not eliminate any other alternatives.

Availability Sessions:

- EPA led with a purpose of getting public input on what new alternative to add to the FS. This will not be the Proposed Plan meeting.

- EPA will show all the configurations we worked on in greater detail than city meeting.
- First session in April with next one 4-6 weeks later.
- Similar format to last availability sessions

Proposed Plan will be after the FS is amended (summer 2015).

Money/Ownership:

- EPA remedy selection is not dependent on available funds.
- EPA does have a bit less than \$50M in a special account for Allied Landfill.
- If EPA has to seek federal dollars to fund the cleanup, there are other sites in need of money that pose greater risks.
- EPA believes it is possible to move forward without answers to the questions of funding and ownership.

Groundwater Study

- City of Kalamazoo and MDEQ asked EPA to collect new groundwater samples.
- EPA collected new groundwater samples in 2014 for the purpose of evaluating locations of future monitoring wells if EPA were to select a waste in place alternative.
- EPA worked with MDEQ and the city of Kalamazoo in the development of the plan.
 - Resampled many of the existing groundwater wells
 - Installed four new deep wells
- If a future remedy requires a long-term monitoring network, EPA will work with the city again in the development of that network.